GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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SURAT AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the project for development of Surat Airport has not been completed so far;

(b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to complete the development work at the earliest?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) Initially the proposal for development of Surat airport for making it suitable for operations of ATR 72 type of aircrafts with an estimated cost of Rs. 35.30 crore was made. Subsequently, considering the demands from various quarters and keeping in view the overall growth in domestic sector, the Airports Authority of India (AAI) has revised the scope of work amounting to Rs. 68.81 crore.

There was a delay in Extension of runway work due to heavy rains/ flood at Surat and non- performance by the agency. However, the works of fire station, Electrical and Mechanical workshop, Electrical sub-station have already been completed. The work of Technical block cum control tower and runway including night landing facilities is likely to be completed in April, 2007. The work of Terminal Building is also in progress and likely to be completed shortly.